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1. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, TESTIFYING ON U. S. POLICY
TOWARD THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EUROPE AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY, APRIL 5, SAID IN
PART: QUOTE. BOTH WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES
ALSO FACE A COMMON TASK IN SEEKING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO
THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE VIEWED
WITH CONSIDERABLE MISGIVINGS THE INCREASING PROLIFERATION
OF THE COMMUNITY'S PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH
THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
WITH WHOM THEY HAVE MAINTAINED HISTORICALLY CLOSE TIES.
THESE ARRANGEMENTS MAY SOON EXPAND TO INCLUDE THE COMMON-
WEALTH COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AS WELL. WE
SUPPORT THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND
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THESE COUNTRIES AND AGREE THAT THEY FOSTER STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE AREAS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, WE FAIL TO SEE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DISCRIMINATORY TRADE ASPECTS OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS, PARTICULARLY REVERSE PREFERENCES, WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE CREATION OF CLOSED NORTH- SOUTH TRADING BLOCS. IN DRAWING UP OUR OWN TRADE BILL, WE DO NOT

SEE HOW WE CAN JUSTIFY THE EXTENSION OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES BY THE UNITED STATES TO THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US IN FAVOR OF IMPORTS FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. CLEARLY, WE MUST SEEK A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WHICH WILL WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT IS A MATTER WHICH I HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED AND WHICH WE WILL BE DISCUSSING IN SOME DETAIL WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UNQUOTE.

2. POUCHING FULL TEXT CASEY SIX- PAGE STATEMENT, APRIL 6. YOUR ATTENTION IS ALSO CALLED TO ATTACHMENT TO AF NEWSLETTER, MARCH 22. ROGERS

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